FISCAL NOTE

SB 3326

January 28, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Narrows the offenses which constitute a violation of an order of protection to domestic abuse, sexual assault, and stalking.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Revenue – Not Significant Decrease State Expenditures – Not Significant

Decrease Local Gov't. Revenue – Not Significant Decrease Local Gov't. Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- Under current law, any act of "abuse" as defined in Tenn. Code Ann. § 36-3-601 constitutes a violation of an order of protection.
- By limiting the offenses which constitute a violation of an order of protection to domestic abuse, sexual assault and stalking, there will be a decrease in the number of violations.
- Any decrease in misdemeanor convictions will result in decreased incarceration costs for local governments which will not be significant.
- A small decrease in cases in the court system, which will result in fewer state and local government expenditures for processing the cases and fewer state and local government revenue from fees, taxes and costs not collected. These expenditures and revenue are estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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